

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

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7 October 2002

FROM: Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI)
San Antonio Texas Chapter
P.O. Box 264
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SUBJECT: Educational Assistance Award

It is our pleasure again this year to offer Education Assistance Awards to San Antonio area high school seniors preparing to enter college, who need assistance in meeting their college expenses. In order to apply, students must complete Attachment 1, Application for Tuskegee Airmen Educational Assistance Fund.

The Educational Awards Committee of the San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (SAC-TAI) will select the winners based on criteria outlined in Attachment 2, Application for Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Assistance Fund. The winners will be awarded a \$500.00 assistance award during our annual Educational Award Banquet scheduled for 10 May 2003, and the winners will go on to compete for the National TAI Scholarship of \$1,500.00.

Request that you assess your student body for eligible students and have them complete and forward their application to SAC-TAI for receipt no later than 14 February 2003. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 210 481-1040. The San Antonio Chapter web site is http://www.brooks.af.mil/aaca/tai.htm.

Sincerely,

Clara Wallace, Colonel, USAF (retired) Chairman, Education Assistance Committee San Antonio Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

2 Attachments

- 1. Tuskegee Airmen Educational Assistance Fund Application
- 2. Tuskegee Airmen Educational Assistance Fund Student Eligibility and General Instructions



APPLICATION FOR TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND Return Completed Application NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 14, 2003 to:

	CHAPTER: San Antonio Chapter	
	ADDRESS: P.O. Box 264	Randolph AFB Texas 78148-0264
	ATTN: Cul Clara Wa	11ace
PART I (To be completed by S	Student Applicant) I hereby apply for	assistance from the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund.
		State Zip
		Grad. Date: / /
	ogram Civil Air Patrol BS	
Name of College or University	plan to attend:	
		Career Objective:
		cies having scholarship programs? YesNo
PART II (To be completed by s	student applicant's Parent, Parent in L	oco Parentis, or Guardian)
Name:	Address	S:
lumber of members in immedia	te family:Other F	Family Members currently attending college
otal Family Annual Income (sa	laries, business incomes, rents, annuit	ies, pensions, intèrest, etc.):
certify that the above informati	on is correct. Signature:	
ART III (To be completed by		
GPA	SA	T ScoreACT Score
certify that the Grade Point Av		r year schedule and first semester grades are correct.
ignature:		Date / /
TTACHMENTS REQUIRED: Official Copy of Student's H A copy of parent(s)' IRS Fo	ligh School Transcript, senior year sci	

- 1.
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- 3. Three Letters of Recommendation (From Counselors, Instructors, Community Leaders, etc.)
- "The Tuskegee Airmen" Essay (Typed, double spaced, not to exceed one [1] page)
- 5 Brief Personal Essay (Typed, double spaced, not to exceed two [2] pages
- 6. List of Extracurricular and Community Activities (including Junior ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, BSA, GSA or Explorer Scouts)

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GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS AND REMINDER ITEMS

Background Information: Tuskegee Airmen, Inc._{sm} is a unique organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of African American Veterans whose service during World War II demonstrated to America that the criteria for responsible citizenship are character and achievement rather than ethnic origin.

Although incorporated in Washington, D.C., the organization consists of many chapters, a National Museum (at Fort Wayne, near Detroit, MI) and the "Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund", located in Los Angeles, CA.

Each year the "Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund" grants scholarship awards to deserving young men and women. The number of available scholarship awards, for individual years, is directly related to income received from investments. Forty-five (45) awards of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) will be available in 2003. Awards are for one year only.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the year 2003. Additionally, applying students must have a grade point average (GPA) of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point scale.

Application Procedure: Application forms and instructions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, from the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. web site (www.tuskegeeairmen.org) or from a Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Chapter. Completed applications must be returned to the specific address indicated (on page 1 of this application) on or before February 14, 2003.

- Each applicant must submit a two (2) page essay containing: a brief biographical sketch, educational aspirations, career goals and an explanation of why financial aid is essential.
- Additionally, the applicant must include a single page essay entitled 'The Tuskegee Airmen' which reflects an overview of their history. Essays must be typed, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on 8.5" x 11" paper. Please note, all attachments to application <u>must not</u> exceed 8.5" x 11" in size.
- To validate the financial status of the applicant, a copy of parent(s)' IRS Form 1040 (through adjusted gross income line) must be included in application package. If not required to file Form 1040, provide <u>official</u> alternate source document to verify income, such as statement from Public Social Services, Pensions or SSI.

Selection Procedure: Applications for scholarship assistance received by individual chapters of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. are screened, verified as deemed appropriate, and competitively evaluated. Application files determined worthy of further consideration are forwarded to the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Selection Committee for "National Competition". Notification will be given to all other applicants. A scholarship selection committee, composed of several members from each "Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Region", evaluates individual applications. Using a scale of one hundred (100) points, the committee considers academic achievement, extra curricular and community activities, relative financial need, recommendations, and both essays to competitively rank applicants.

Notification Procedure: Finalists (selectees and non-selectees) will receive individual notices of final results from the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund Board of Governors.

Award Payment Certification: Scholarship awardees may enroll in the institution of their choice. After matriculation, registrars of schools attended must send verification of enrollment and curriculum to the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund. When the required verifications have been received, individual award payments (made payable to both student and institution) will be mailed by Wells Fargo Bank, Los Angeles.

Award Payment Limitation: All scholarship awards must be paid within one year from date of selection notification.

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APPLICATION FOR TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FUND STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. invites students annually to apply for their need based scholarship. A panel of members assigned to score the application packages (based on set criteria) will select the top students. These students will be awarded \$500 during the "Annual Educational Award Banquet" on May 10, 2003. The chapter will automatically submit winning packages to compete for the National TAI Scholarship of \$1,500.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1. San Antonio high school seniors (based on financial need) applying for admission into college or vocational school
- 2. Academic achievement based on grades and scholastic achievement tests
- 3. Involvement in extra curricular and community activities
- 4. Recommended by counselors, instructors, or community leaders
- 5. Students interested in pursuing education leading to careers in the field of aviation and aerospace technology (desired but not required)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Confer with parents to get IRS Form 1040 or other official document of financial status (SSI, pensions, public social service, etc.)
- 2. Consult with school guidance counselor to acquire official transcript and three letters of recommendation
- 3. Compose two essays (typewritten, double spaced, on 8.5"x11" paper with one inch margins)
 - (a) Two page "Personal Essay."

Brief personal sketch including:

- An outline of educational plans
- Career goal
- Why financial assistance is needed
- (b) One page essay giving an overview of the history of the Tuskegee Airmen
- 4. Complete application and submit with required attachments to the following address NLT 14 February 2003:

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., San Antonio Chapter

ATTN: Colonel Clara Wallace

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- 5. Include all of the following attachments with the application:
 - Official copy of student's high school transcript, senior year schedule and first semester grades
 - A copy of parent(s)' IRS Form 1040 through adjusted gross income line or other OFFICIAL document
 - Three letters of recommendation (from counselors, instructors, community leaders, etc.)
 - "The Tuskegee Airmen" Essay (typed, double spaced, not to exceed one page)
 - Brief personal essay (typed, double space, not to exceed two pages)
 - List of extracurricular and community activities (including Junior ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, BSA, GSA or Explorer Scouts)
- 6. Submit package in an 8.5"x11" envelope with a stamped, self addressed 10" business envelope (students will be notified on status of application)
- 6. Applications will be returned to students without action for any one of the following reasons:
 - Incomplete applications (absence of entries in the DOB, social security number, or income blocks)
 - Missing required items (e.g., IRS 1040 Forms or typewritten essays)
 - Excessive and unnecessary attachments (e.g., student data sheets unrelated to required attachments)
 - Attachments exceeding 8.5"x11"
 - Packages received after 14 February 2003